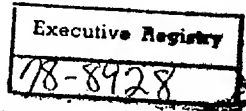


20 APR 1978



MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Acting Director, National Foreign
Assessments Center
SUBJECT : Providing Unclassified Publications
to Congress

1. Action Requested: That you approve a pilot program for regularly sending personal copies of most CIA unclassified publications to the 88 members of the House and Senate committees and subcommittees with a CIA oversight role.* Other members of Congress could be added to the subscription list if they requested it. One-time requests for unclassified publications from any member would still be serviced as they are now.

2. Staff Position: Current practice is to make available several copies of a newly issued unclassified publication to the staff chiefs of all eight committees having a CIA oversight role. In addition, we service all ad hoc Congressional requests for unclassified material. Many members, however, rarely see these publications and are not aware of the wide range of information available. We have looked at a variety of ways in which this situation might be improved.

Because of manpower constraints, the most workable option would be to provide unclassified publications directly to the 88 members of the committees and subcommittees with a CIA oversight role. The program would be initiated by a

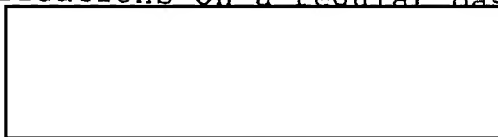
*Defined as: Senate Select (full committee), Senate Foreign Relations (full committee), Senate Appropriations/Defense Subcommittee, Senate Armed Services/Intelligence Subcommittee, House Select (full committee), House International Relations (chairman and subcommittee chairmen), House Appropriations/Defense Subcommittee, House Armed Services/Intelligence Subcommittee.

letter from you to each selected member (Attachment 1). The letter would offer the member the chance to receive regularly one or more of our periodical publications--such as the FACTBOOK--as well as those portions of our ad hoc unclassified output which are of interest to him. It is pointed out in the letter that we are not equipped to handle constituent requests for unclassified publications.

This program would attempt to achieve the goal of increased use of CIA's unclassified publications by focusing on the congressmen and senators with the most reason to be interested in the Agency's work. The result would be that key members would have an opportunity to get better acquainted with the quality and range of our unclassified publications program. The NFAC Congressional Support Staff (CSS) would screen out publications of limited interest to reduce the possibility of complaints about the CIA spending its time and money on obscure projects.

CSS would continue to service all ad hoc Congressional requests for unclassified material as it does now. If a member of Congress not included in the recommended program should ask to subscribe regularly to CIA unclassified publications, the request would be honored. In this way, we would expect the subscription list to grow of its own accord. After acquiring some experience with the recommended program, however, we would want to look into the possibility of further expanding the list of subscribers.

3. Recommendation: That you approve the plan whereby the members of House and Senate committees and subcommittees with a CIA oversight role would be offered the opportunity to receive unclassified CIA publications on a regular basis.




Sayre Stevens

Attachment: as stated

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SUBJECT: Providing Unclassified Publications to Congress

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Director of Central Intelligence

26 Apr 78
Date

DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

Distribution:

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*As long as there are 89
subscribers - DCP +
88 Congressmen -
don't see these
myself get*

Tape 36
Side A, 0-1/3

The Honorable _____

~~Redraft of letter to Dear Senator or Mr.:~~

Dear Senator (or Mr.) _____:

The CIA regularly publishes unclassified reports on a wide variety of topics. Some of these are subjects which by their nature are unclassified. Others are unclassified versions of reports that originally were done in a classified form. Normally, these unclassified publications are distributed to individuals and to institutions who subscribe through the Library of Congress.

I personally place a great deal of importance on this program and have been attempting to expand it. We all fully recognize the vital necessity of maintaining the security of classified information. The very act of declassifying and publishing what can be put into the public domain may well help us protect the remaining information which must remain secret. In short, there is a surfeit of classified information within our government today. I hope that by reducing that some we will engender greater respect for that which remains classified.

Hoping that it would be useful to you to have access to these unclassified publications, I am taking the liberty of placing you on our distribution list. A number of these are recurring periodicals such as a weekly economic indicators review; others are ad hoc publications that deal with topics such as the Soviet leadership, the Chinese economy, and the world energy outlook. If at any time you are interested in probing more deeply into the classified versions where such exist, we would of course be very happy to make the necessary arrangements.

I hope this program will be useful to you, but if it ever becomes a burden please let me know and we will either terminate the distribution or narrow its focus as you direct.

Yours sincerely,

Attachment:
As stated

DRAFT

TO : Office of Legislative Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

FROM: _____

Please send the following unclassified CIA publications on a regular basis:

Periodical Publications:

- ☐ Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments (monthly)
- ☐ International Energy Statistical Review (every four weeks)
- ☐ Economic Indicators Weekly Review (weekly)
- ☐ National Basic Intelligence Factbook (semi-annually)

Ad Hoc Publications:

- ☐ Wish to receive all ad hoc publications
- ☐ Wish to receive only those ad hoc publications dealing with:
 - ☐ Economics - Worldwide
 - ☐ Political Issues - Worldwide
 - ☐ Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
 - ☐ China
 - ☐ Developing Nations

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Letter to DCI from A/D/NFAC re Providing
Unclassified Publications to Congress

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FROM: C/CSS/NFAC
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